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PRIVATE SECTOR PARTICIPATION IN INLAND WATERWAYS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to involve private sector in developing inland waterways in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI DILIPKUMAR MANSUKHLAL GANDHI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Private Sector participation in developing inland waterways has been envisaged in the following areas:

(a) Ownership and operation of vessels for cargo and passengers
(b) Fairway development and maintenance
(c) Construction and operation of river terminals or river ports
(d) Provision and operation of mechanized cargo-handling systems
(e) Putting up and maintenance of navigational aids
(f) Provision of pilotage services
(g) Setting up and running of IWT training institutions

The private sector can participate in these areas on their own, or through joint ventures with the IWAI or through Build , Operate, Transfer (BOT) Projects.